

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

[0001] Applicants conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on October 30, 2007 regarding this application. Present were Examiner Saif Alhija, Supervisory Patent Examiner Kamini Shah, David McKenzie, and Kerry Brown. The participants discussed proposed amendments to claim 1 that clarify the nature of the computer system being monitored and distinctions from the prior art reference. Specifically, Applicants described that a “computer system” is distinct from a simulation of a computer system, and that the simulation of the reference does not include “data collection” as described in the Specification and the amended Claims. The aspect of how the present invention collects and gathers the performance data was discussed. Applicants agreed to consider language to clarify this distinction over the art of record. The Stewart reference was discussed specifically.

[0002] Agreement was not reached in the course of the interview; however, Applicants did receive guidance on further amendments to the Claims. Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify the distinction between the invention and the cited reference in response to that guidance. Applicants are grateful for the consideration taken by the Examiners in participating in the telephone interview.